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Președinția României la Consiliul Uniunii Europene**Proposal for a Regulation establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples – COM(2016)551, 2016/0264(COD) - IESS Regulation****Stages in the procedure:**

Commission

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<b>Plenary vote</b>	16 April 2019

## Summary

The objective of this Proposal (IESS) is to streamline a number of separate domain-specific Regulations and to establish a common legal framework for the European statistics relating to persons and households, based on the individual-level data collected from samples. Under the previous presidencies, the file passed through the Working Party level, was approved as a “General Approach” in COREPER, and was subject to six trilogues. In the first meeting under the Austrian Presidency, there was a debrief of the trilogues and the Member States had the chance to ask the preceding Bulgarian Presidency and Eurostat questions on the trilogue result.

Some Member States signaled approval, others were less satisfied with the outcome and asked for more time for national consultation and review. Member States were invited by the Presidency to reflect about the outcome over the summer break. Based on the feedback received, the EP Rapporteur was informed about the main concerns of the Member States, in particular on Article 11(2a) on sampling frames and Article 14(1)(ca) on financing. The EP announced clarification regarding Article 14(1)(ca) by lawyer-linguists, ensuring that the article concerns EU budget only and does not touch the national budget of MS. After further consultations with the EP, mainly Article 11(2a) was discussed in the CWPS 31 October 2018.

A large majority of Member States made clear that the current wording of the article could not be supported. Some MS made it clear that, leaving Article 11(2a) aside, the text also contained other problematic issues (e.g. input harmonisation). The Austrian Presidency informed the EP about the outcome of the CWPS discussions. Another meeting, with the aim of finding a wording that is acceptable to both co-legislators and the European Commission (Eurostat), was proposed by the Presidency.

The RO PRES succeeded, during a series of informal meetings with the MEPs, to convince that the blockage should be solved in the interest of all the parties involved and the EP accepted a political trilogue on 23rd of January with an article only on the agenda, that is the 11 (2a).

Following the political trilogue meeting from 23 January 2019, the Article 11(2a) text was re-worded and an agreement between the institutions was reached.



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At the meeting of the Statistics Working Group on 31 January 2019, PRES RO informed the Member States of the results of the trilogue and of the steps to follow.

The RO PRES was convinced that the agreed package, including Article 11 (2a), is a solution that meets the needs of the Member States, especially with regard to cooperation with entities outside the European statistical system. It provides the necessary safeguards for Member States and will allow a sound development of the European Statistical System in a quickly evolving and constantly changing environment.

Having the intention to submit the dossier to Coreper, the RO PRES made efforts to find an agreement with MS regarding the compromise text reached in trilogues, investigating under which conditions the Council would be in a position to agree the wording of the draft Regulation.

As already identified in the Working Party, the main issue concerns Article 11(2a). The Presidency proposes therefore to delete Article 11(2a). The related new review clause in Article 18a should hence also be deleted.

Furthermore, three technical clarifications were considered necessary:

- (a) in Article 13(2) (new) about input from EU agencies on specific topics;
- (b) in Article 6 (1), in order to make the wording more precise, reflecting statistical practice.
- (c) and in Article 14, in order to clarify that the provision about funding refers to the Union budget.

The new proposed document has been approved by Coreper I meeting on 20th of February 2019.

A political trilogue meeting took place on 26 March, where the European Parliament Negotiating Team and the Presidency reached agreement based on the Coreper mandate of 20 February 2019.

On 29th of March the final compromise text was approved in Coreper Meeting and the Romanian Presidency notify the EP by sending the CONS agreement letter.

The file was scheduled into the EP plenary session in the middle of April, voted at first reading on the basis of EMPL report.

On September or October 2019, the file will be voted by the new EP plenary and then will be adopted by the Council.

IESS Regulation will be publicate in the Official Journal.